



# Layne Safety Alert

**Subject:** *Improper Stairway Construction resulting in Lost Time Accident*

**Date:** December 19, 2008

**Incident:** A Layne employee was exiting a well drilling platform down a set of stairs. When stepping off the last step of the stairs, the employee twisted his ankle resulting in a broken bone and hyper-extended knee. Investigation by plant personnel revealed that the stairs were not properly constructed or firmly secured, and was a contributing factor. Additionally, the incident was not reported immediately to the customer. **ALL INCIDENTS and/or ACCIDENTS must be reported immediately to supervisors, management and the customer.**

## Recommendations:

1. Immediately inspect stairways on all equipment/rigs. Remove from service stairways found deficient. Properly designed and constructed stairs should follow OSHA guidelines (29 CFR 1926.1052 Subpart X –Stairways), the Layne Christensen Company Ladder and Stairway Safety Program, and Layne Safety Practice Compliance Procedure B27.
2. Remove from service or properly repair stairways found to be deficient.
3. Review with all employees during your next monthly safety meeting the appropriate body/foot position when descending stairs. Also make sure everyone understands that all accidents and/or incidents are reported immediately.

